

# Mounding and Considerations for the Upland Remediation Strategy at the Former Citizens Gas Works MGP Site

RTA2 Gowanus Canal, Brooklyn, New York

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# PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PHASING PLAN



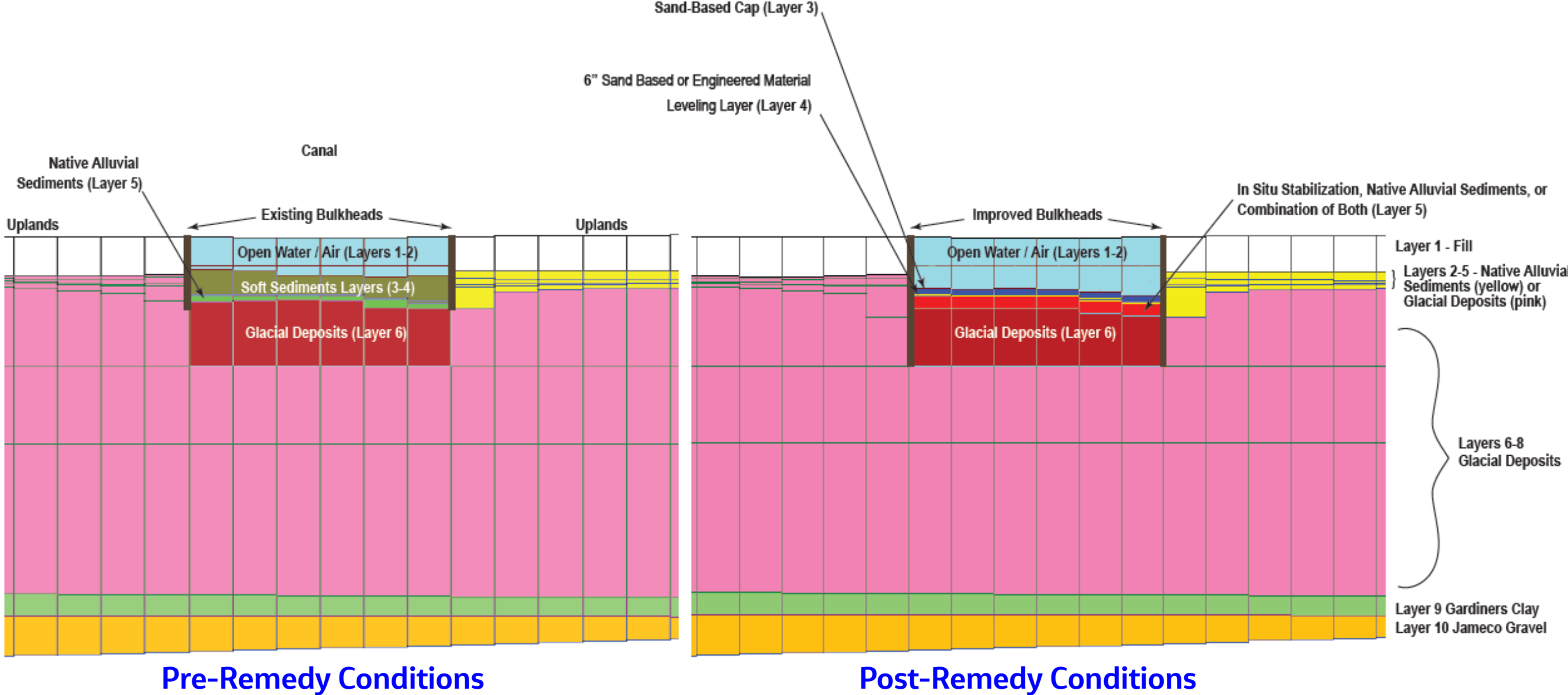
# Citizens parcel with redevelopment footprints

Citizens Parcel Boundary  
(yellow outlines)

Redevelopment Footprints  
(black outlines)

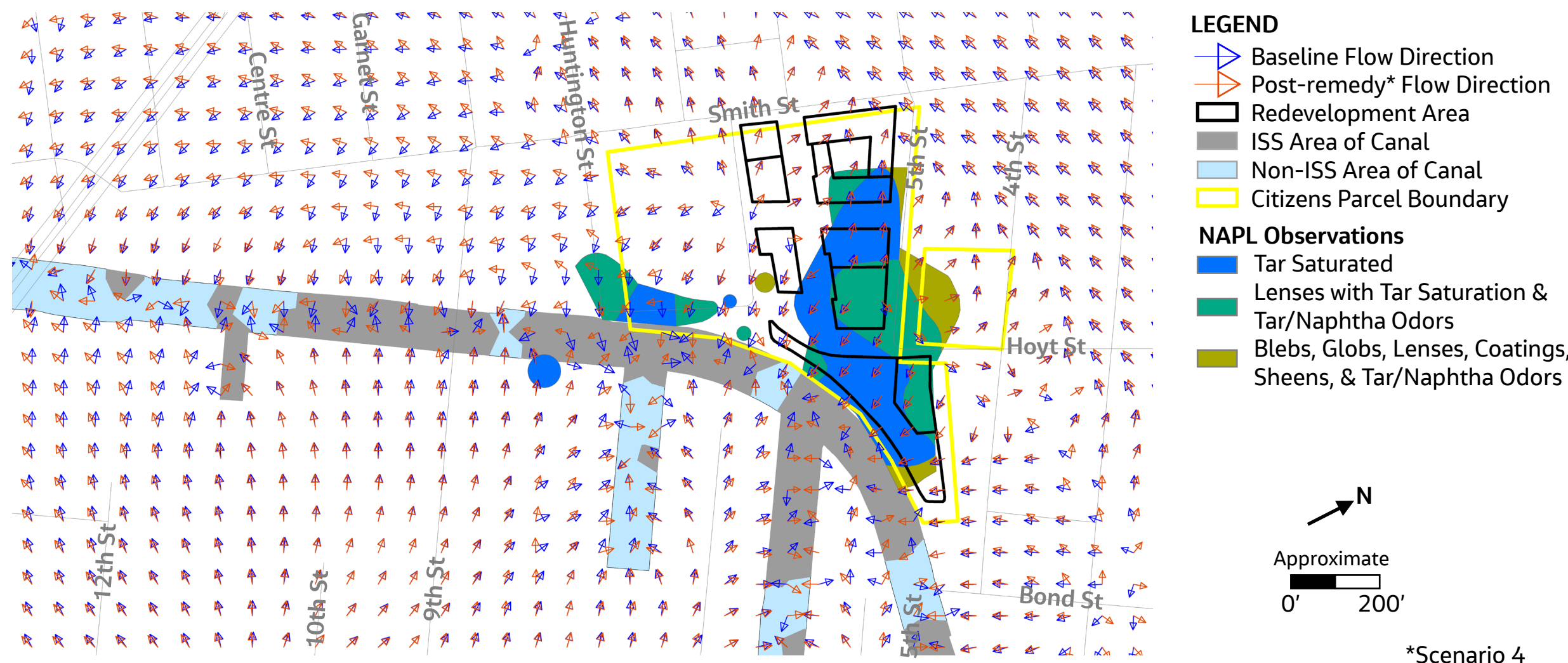


# Model layering designations

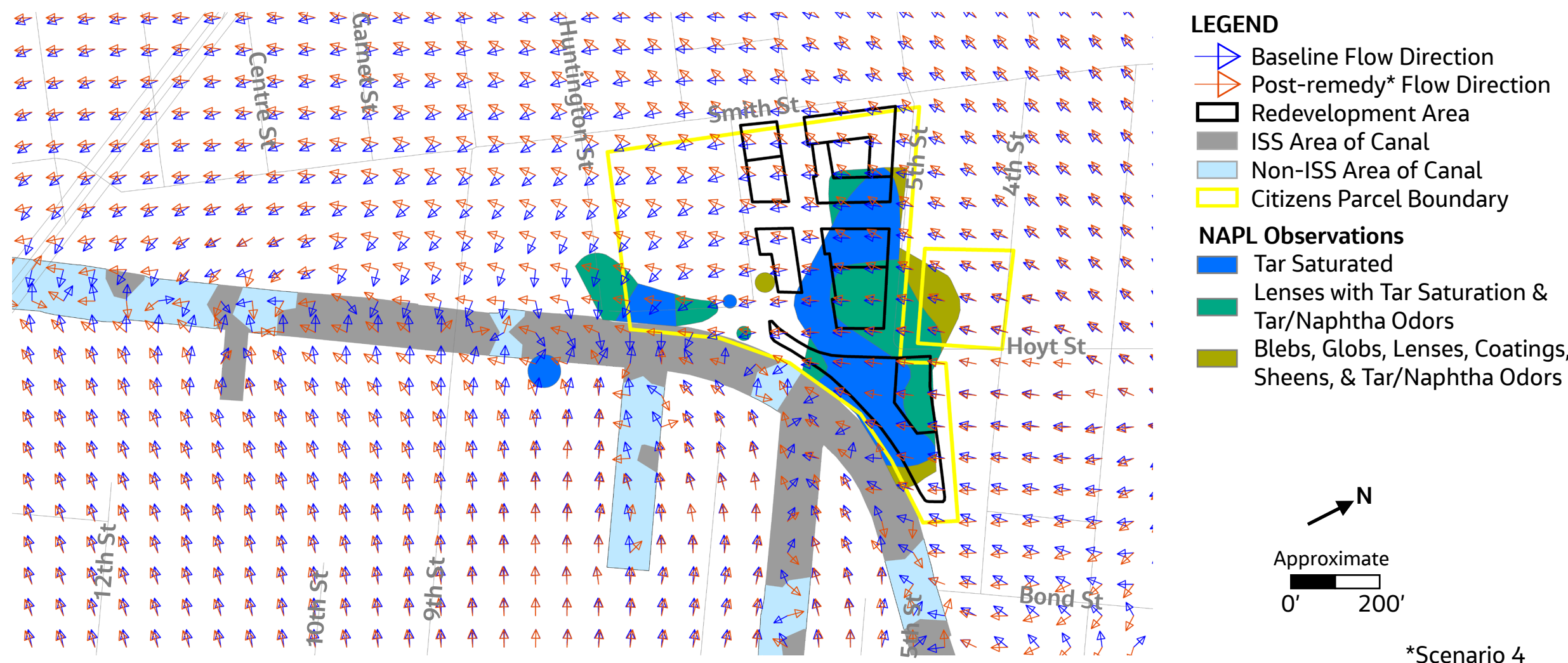




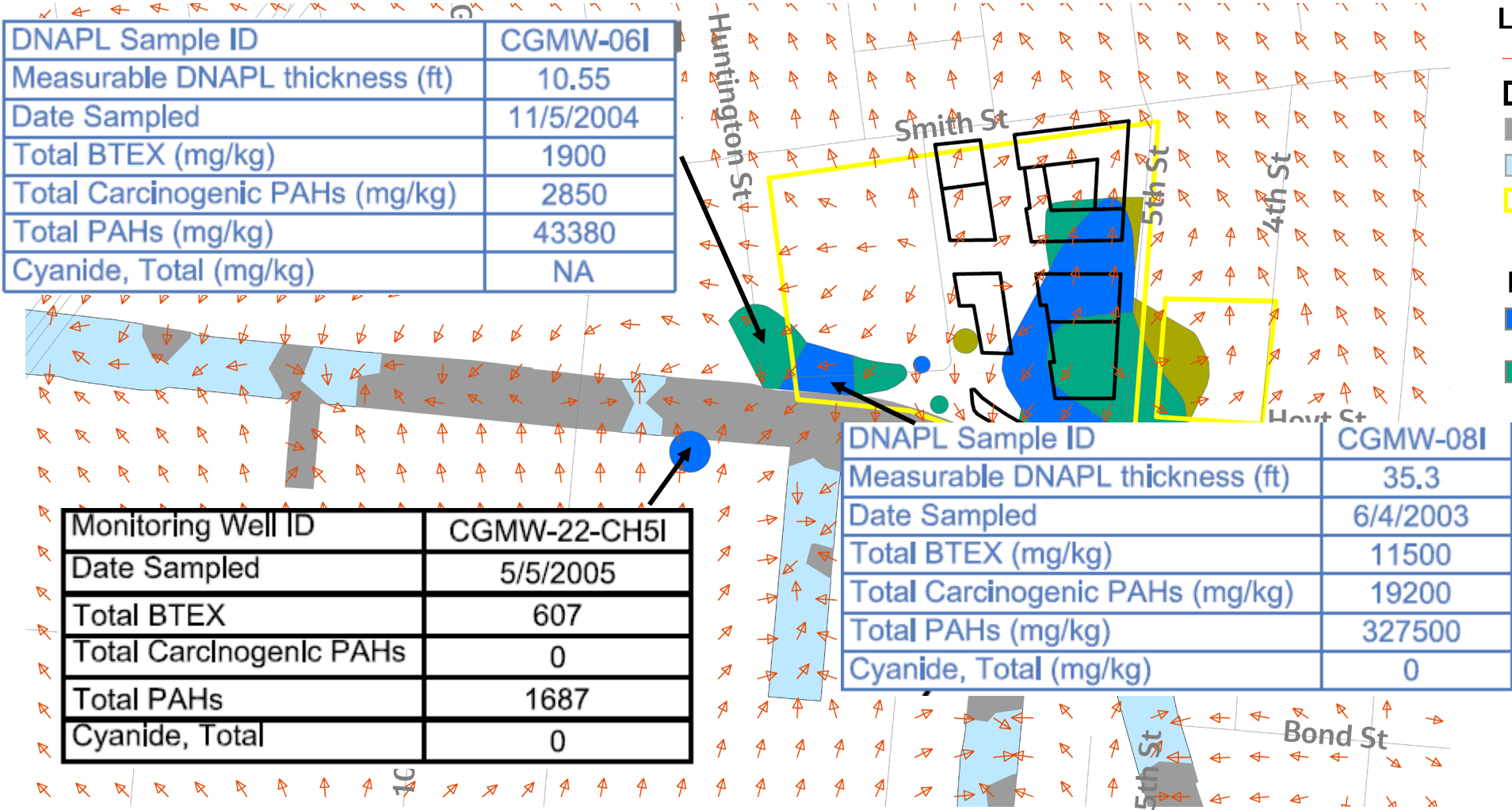
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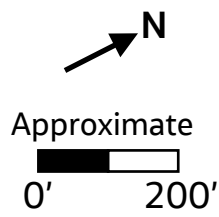


**LEGEND**

- Post-remedy\* Flow Direction
- Redevelopment Area
- ISS Area of Canal
- Non-ISS Area of Canal
- Citizens Parcel Boundary

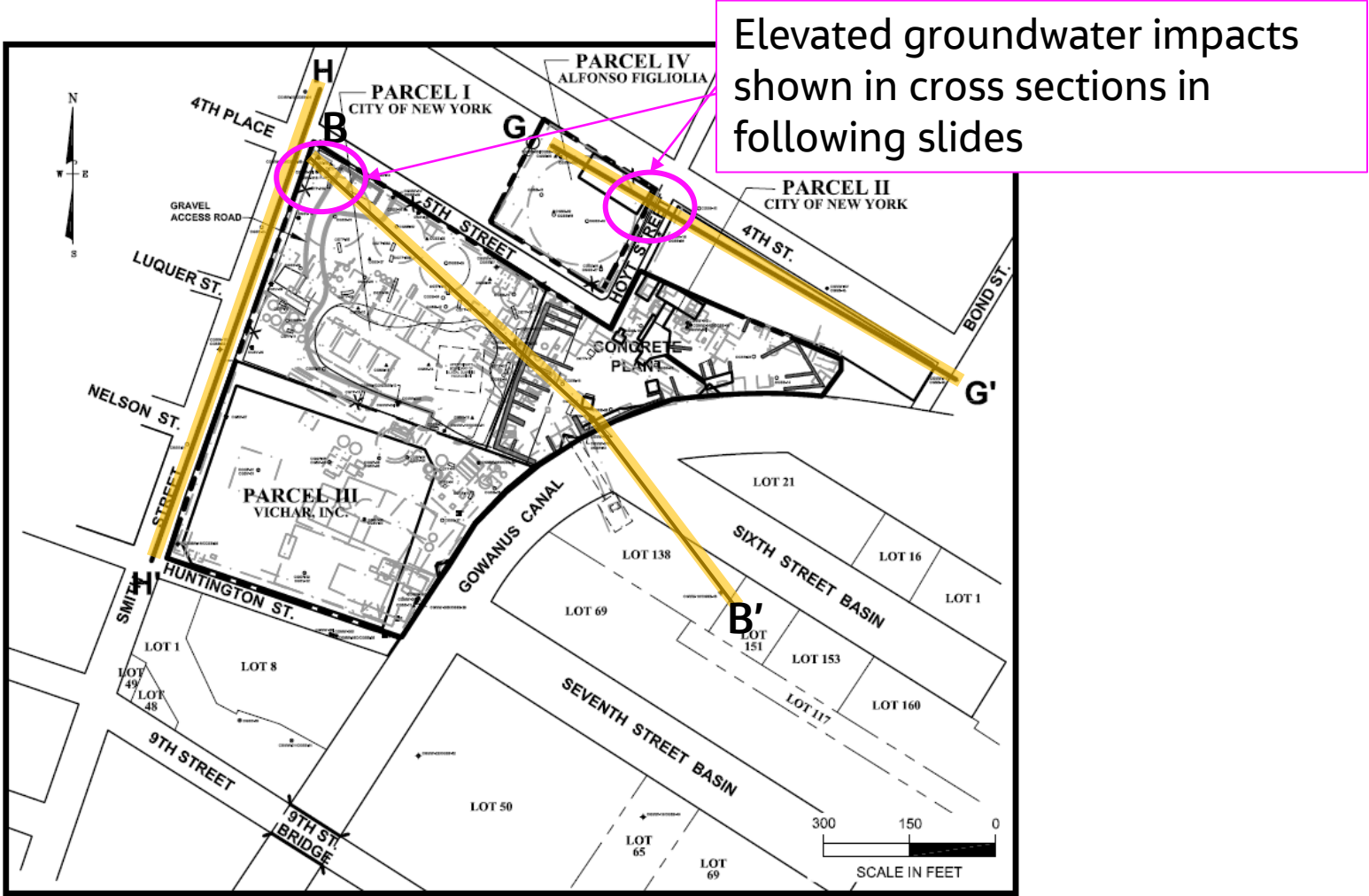
**NAPL Observations**

- Tar Saturated
- Lenses with Tar Saturation & Tar/Naphtha Odors
- Blebs, Globbs, Lenses, Coatings, Sheens, & Tar/Naphtha Odors



\*Scenario 4

# Shallow BTEX and PAH impacts















# NY State RAOs\* (for general reference)

- Groundwater
  - Prevent, to the extent practicable, contact with, or ingestion of contaminated GW associated with the site.
  - Prevent, to the extent practicable, the migration of contaminated GW from the site.
  - Remove, to the extent practicable, the source of GW contamination.
- Soil
  - Prevent, to the extent practicable, injection/direct contact with contaminated soil.
  - Recover, to the extent practicable, DNAPL tar at the site.
- Indoor air
  - Prevent, to the extent practicable, inhalation of contaminants volatilizing from soil or GW into closed structures.

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\*EPA Briefing Package: Former Citizens Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site, 2021



# Questions

## ■ Contaminant migration control considerations

- How many extraction wells & what combined flow rate might it take to capture contaminated GW within the Citizens parcel down thru the native alluvial sediments?
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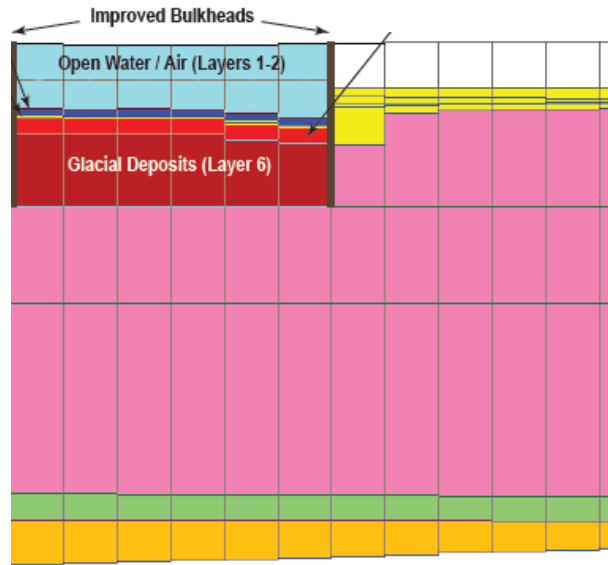
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# Models used for a preliminary hydraulic-capture evaluation

- Baseline conditions (RTA1\_65 submittal from Geosyntec)
  - No bulkhead improvements
  - No Canal remedy
- Post-remedy conditions (Scenario 4 submittal from Geosyntec)
  - Bulkhead improvements
  - Canal remedy including drains down to 4 to 9.5' bgs along upland side of improved bulkheads

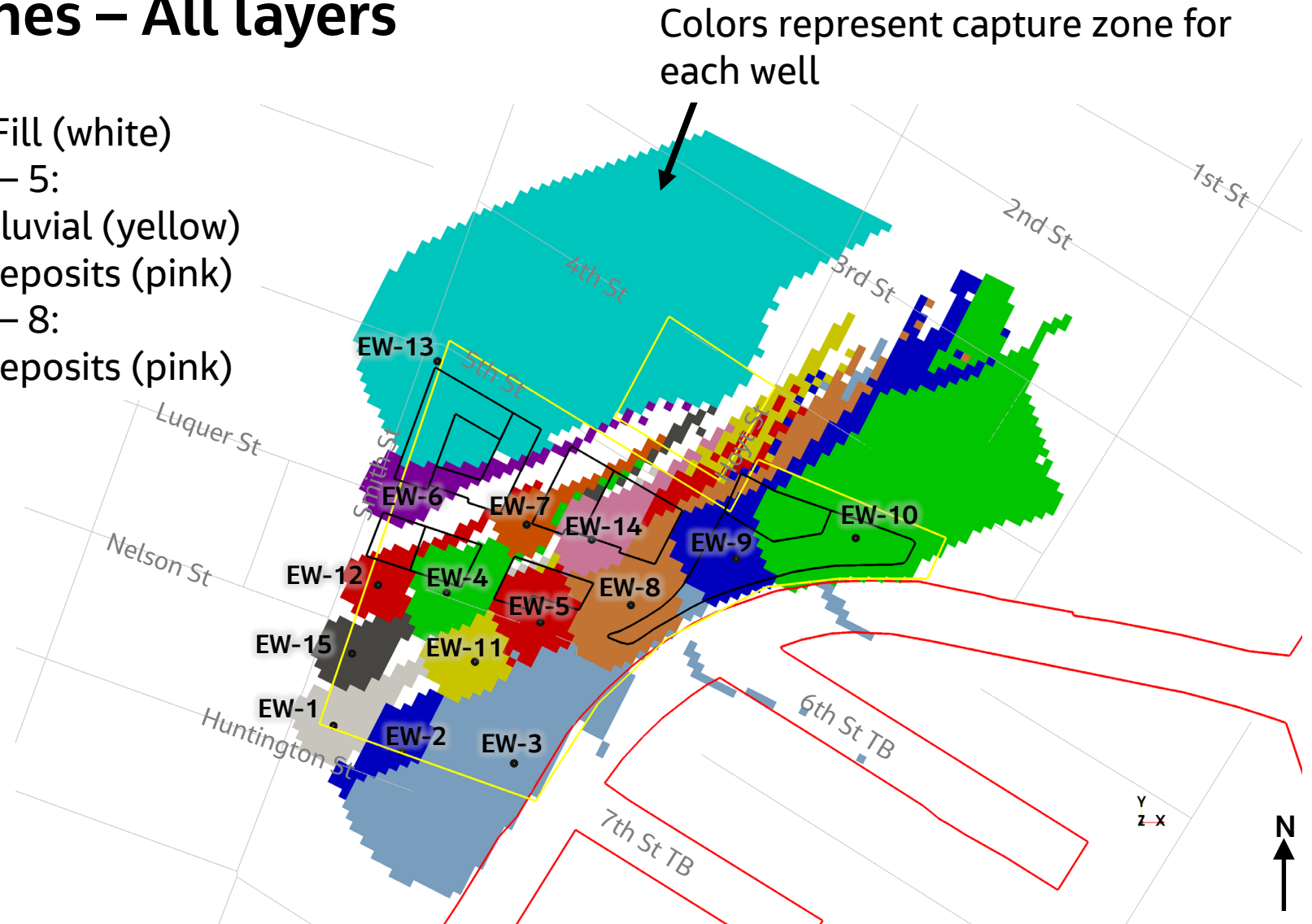
# Steady-state capture zones – All layers



Layer 1: Fill (white)  
Layers 2 – 5:  
Native Alluvial (yellow)  
Glacial Deposits (pink)  
Layers 6 – 8:  
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Layer 9 Gardiners Clay  
Layer 10 Jameco Gravel

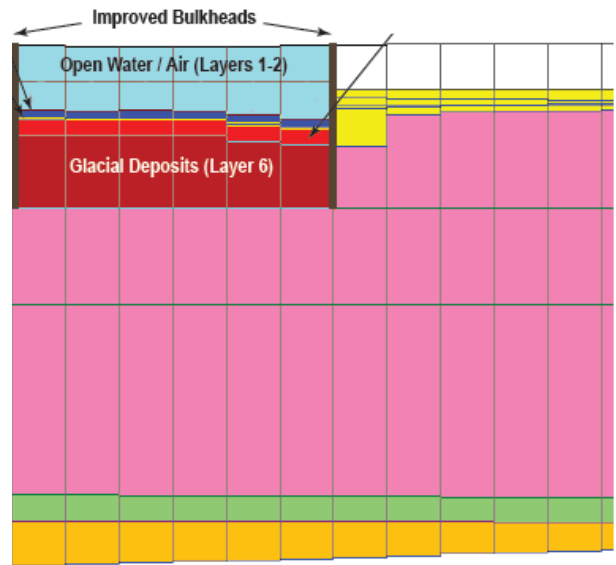
- Post-remedy conditions, but with 15 modeled extraction wells pumping a combined ~14 gpm.
- Modeled extraction wells are screened in Model Layers 1–5.
- Depth to bottom of Model Layer 5 at modeled extraction wells ranges from 26 to 38 feet bgs.



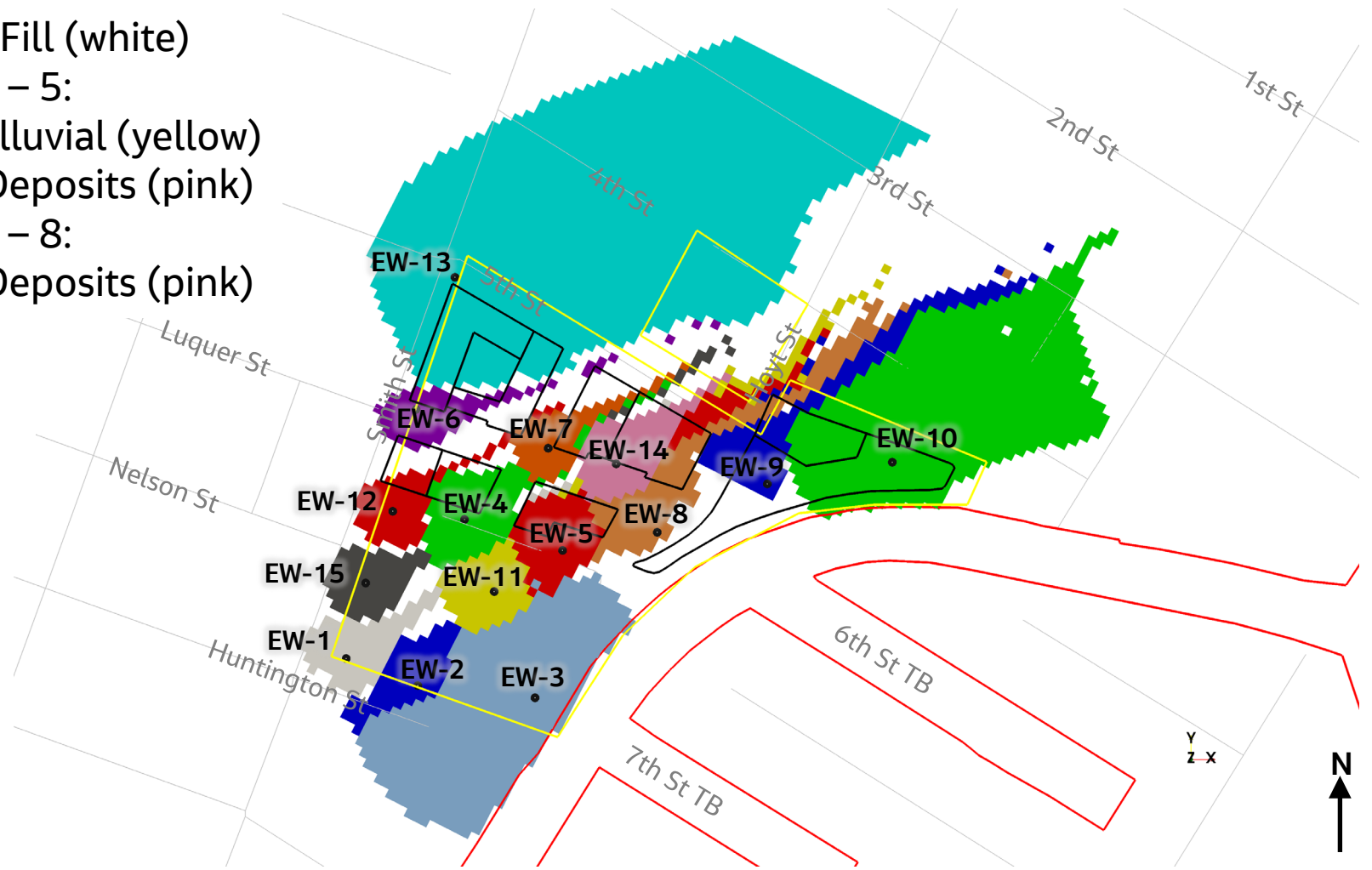
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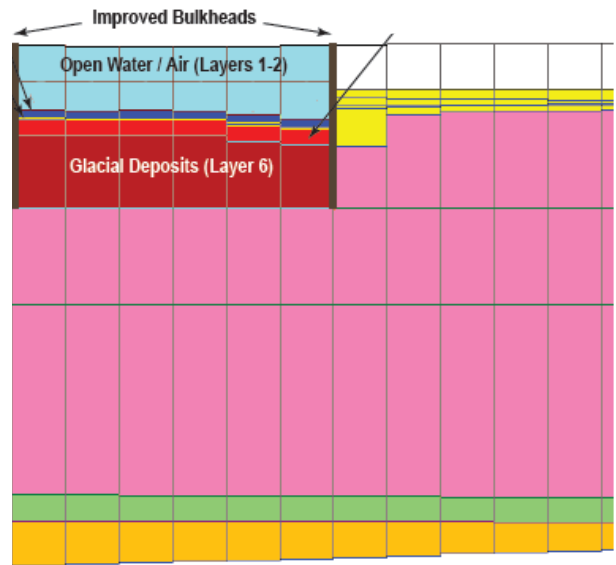


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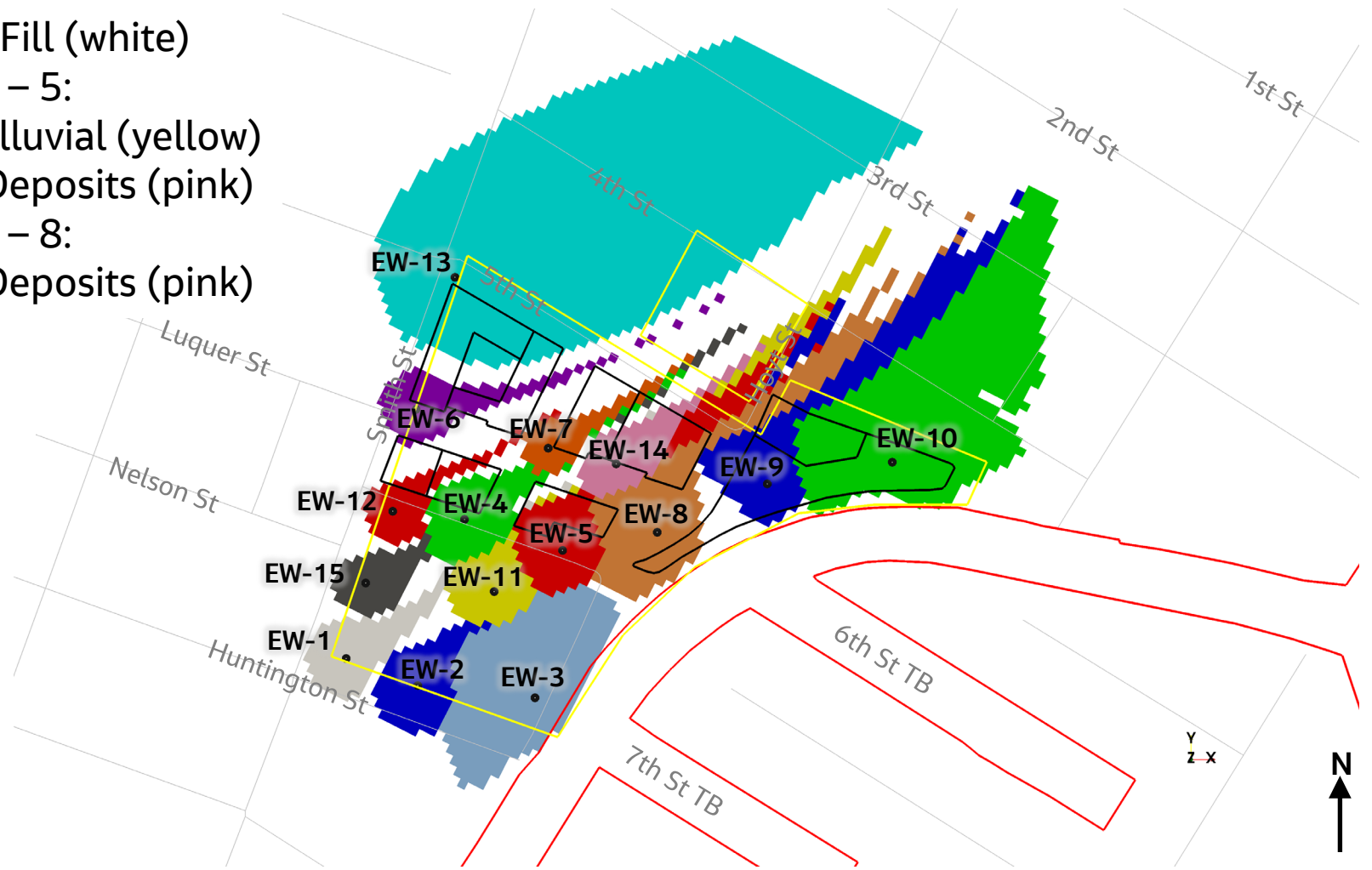


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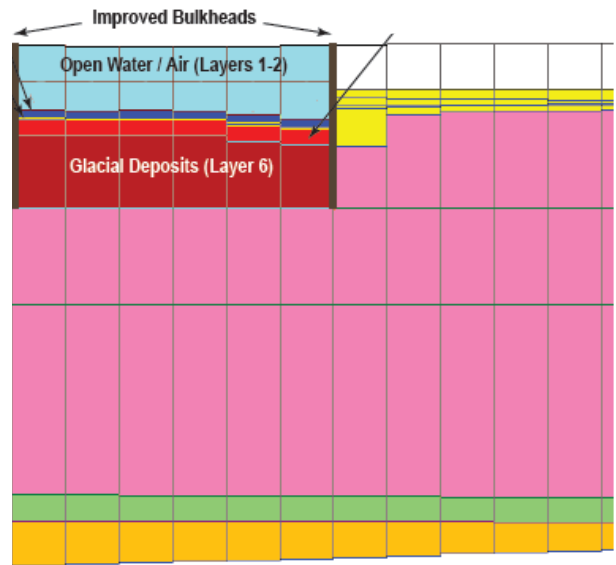
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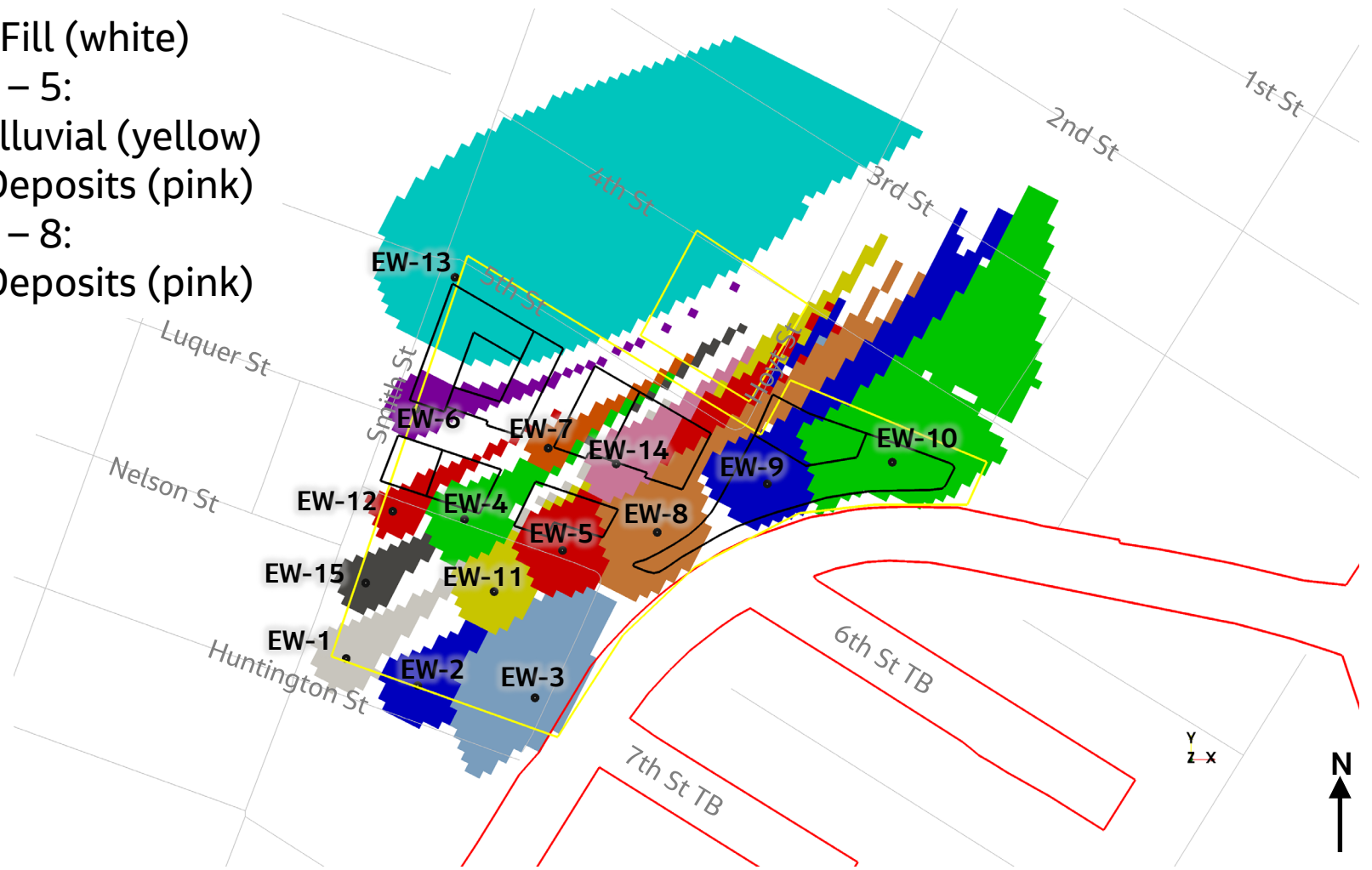
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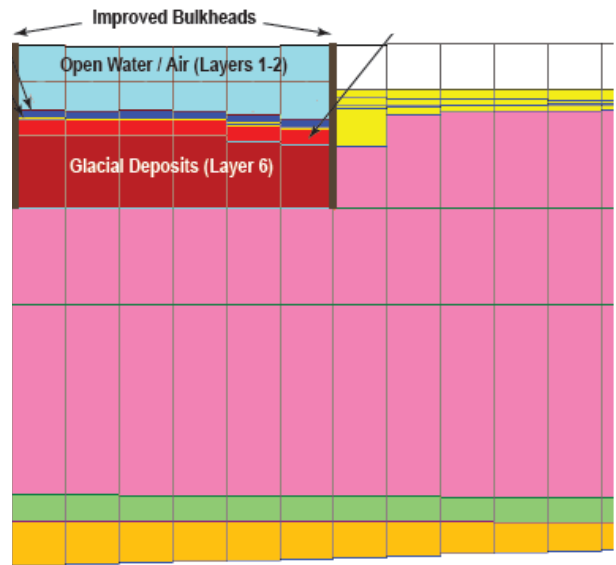
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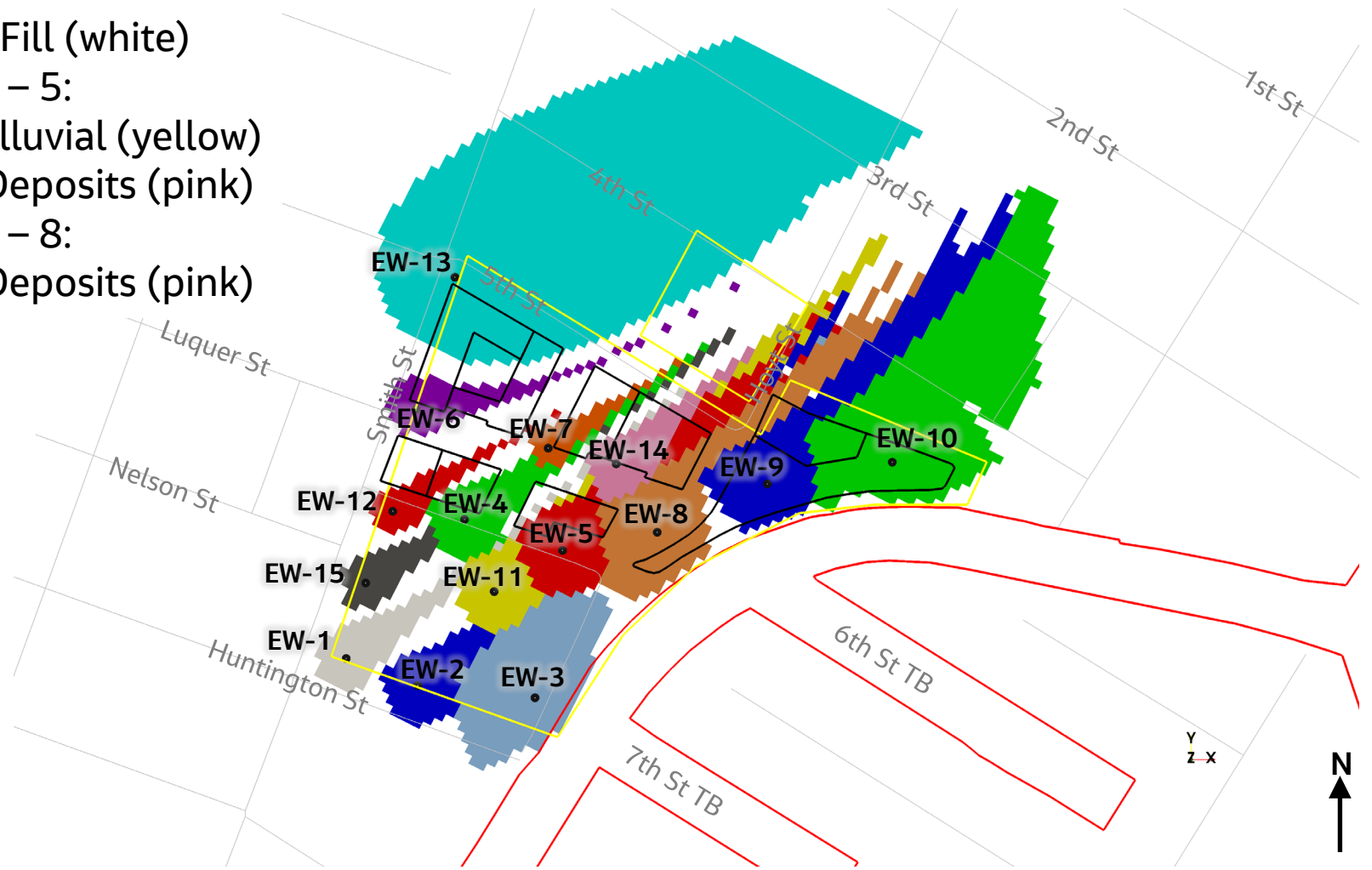
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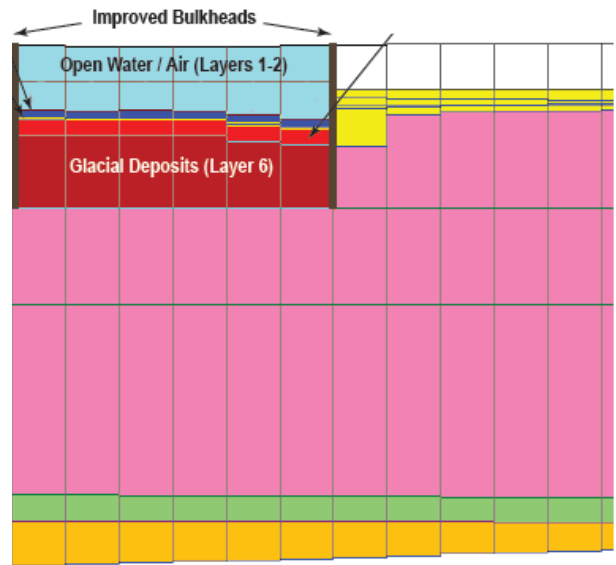


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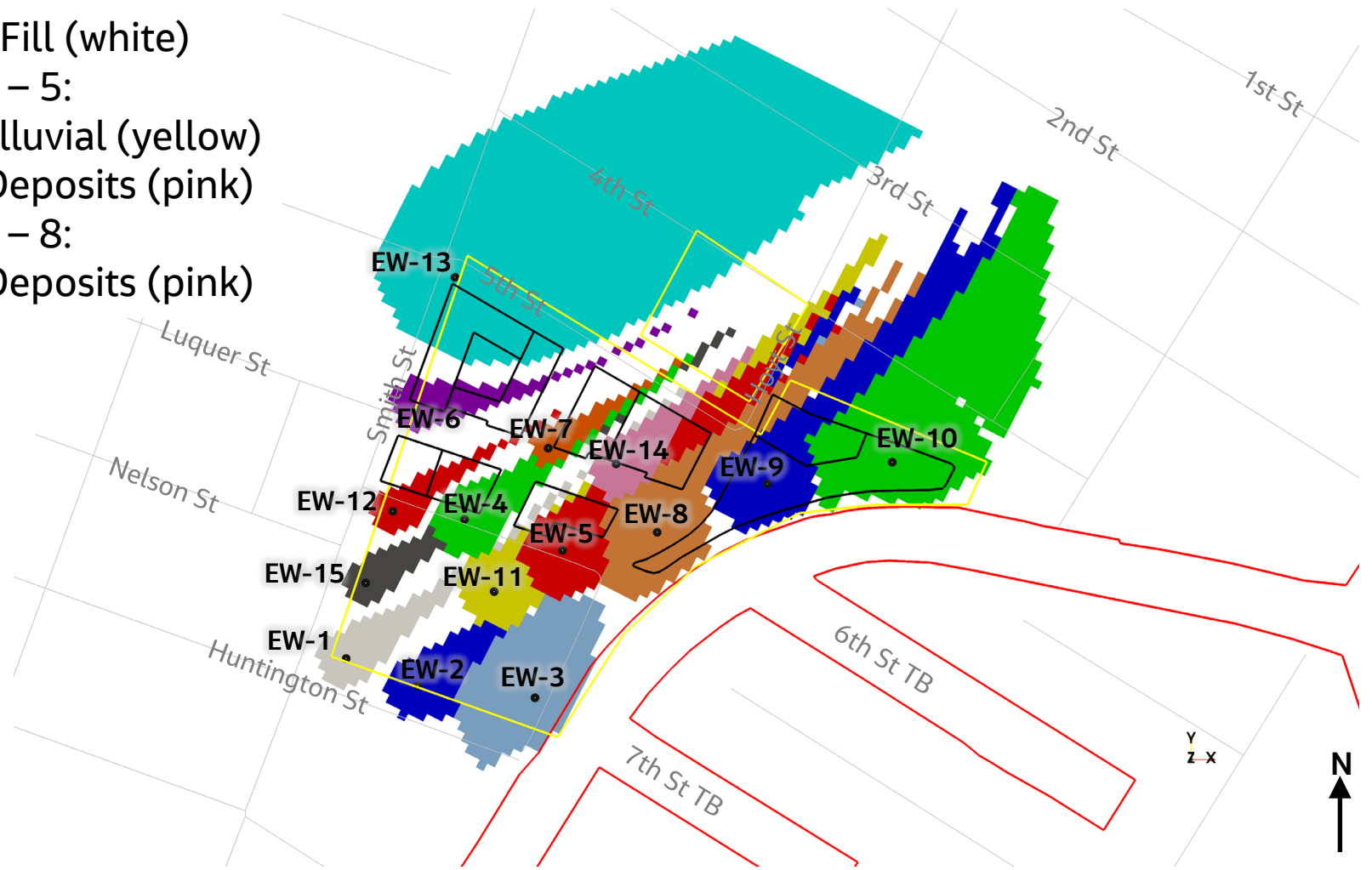




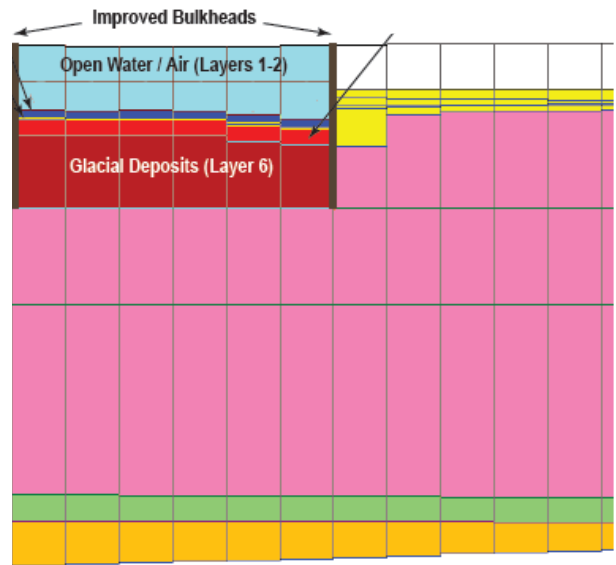
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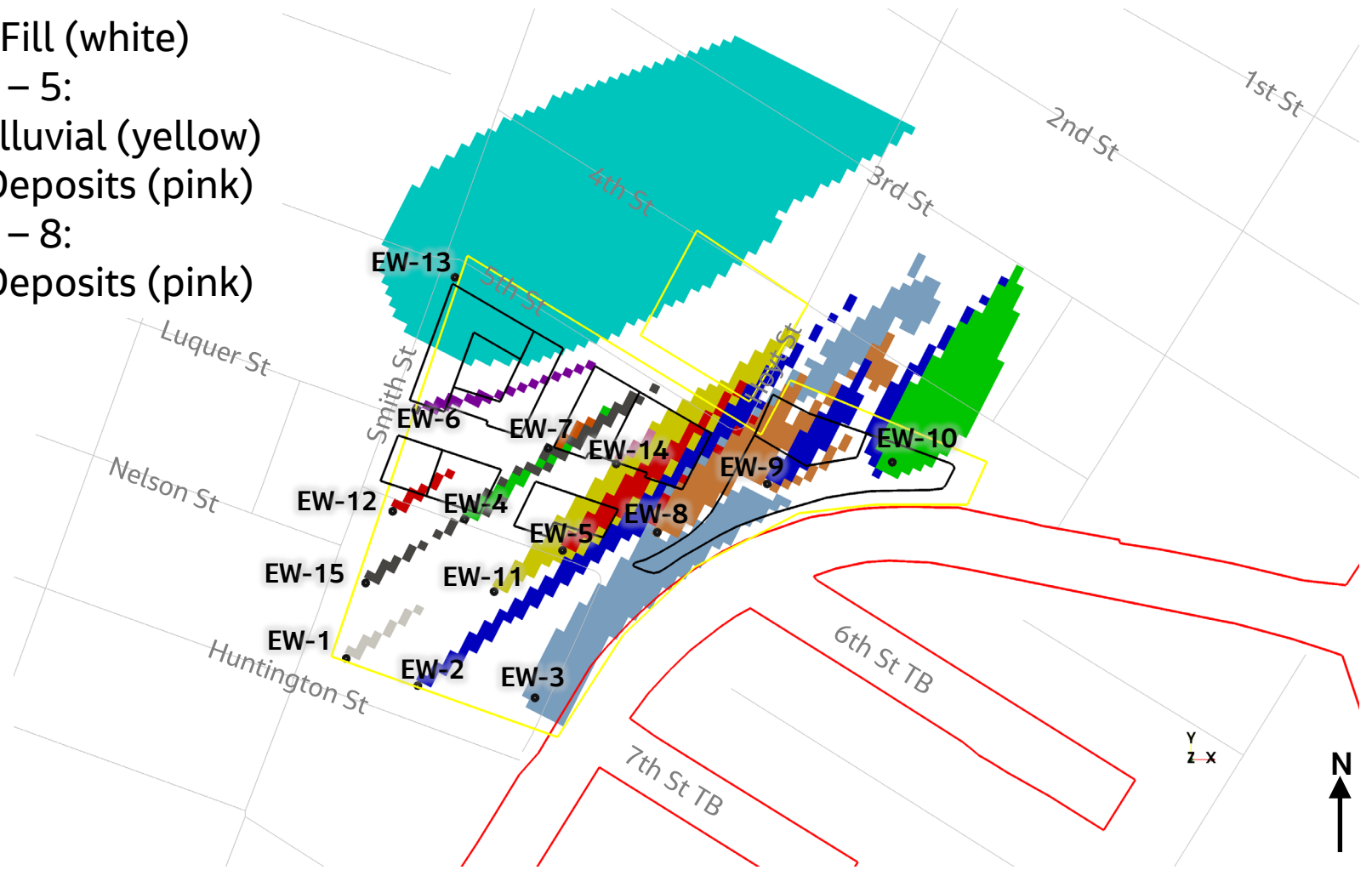
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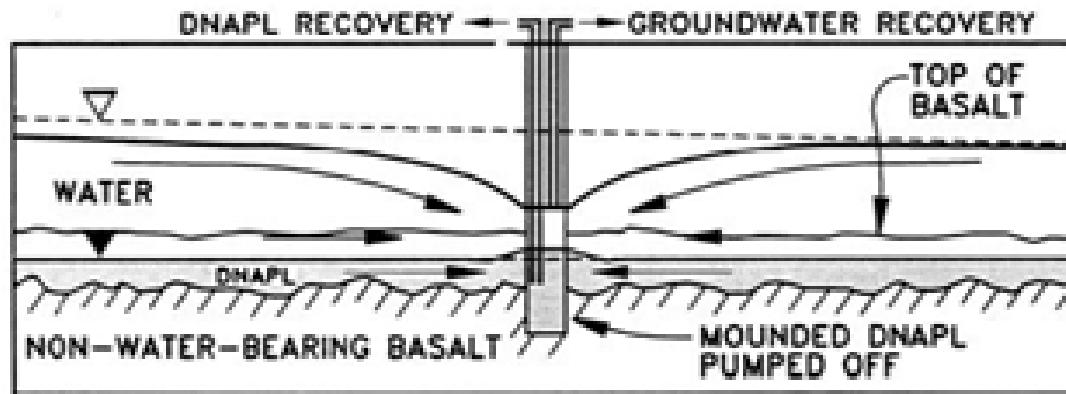
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# GW extraction could potentially increase DNAPL recovery

- GW extraction enhances DNAPL recovery
- GW depression induces upconing of DNAPL into the extraction well



## Mobile NAPL Recovery: Conceptual, Field, and Mathematical Considerations

by Tom Sale<sup>a</sup> and David Applegate<sup>b</sup>

1997. *Ground Water*, 35(3), pp. 418-427.

### Abstract

Recovery of mobile Nonaqueous Phase Liquids (NAPLs), referred to as "oil recovery," is one of the most common remedial technologies currently being implemented at sites where NAPLs have been released. The rationale for oil recovery typically includes resource recovery, mitigation of further NAPL migration, and compliance with regulatory mandates for source reduction. Efficient oil recovery can be achieved by optimizing conditions within the oil flow path. This concept is referred to as flow path management. Building on this concept, a waterflood oil recovery technique utilizing dual recovery and parallel delivery drainlines has been developed for recovery of creosote-based wood-treating oil, a Dense Nonaqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL). Full-scale application of this technique at a contaminated site has yielded 1.5 million gallons of DNAPL. Furthermore, an operational endpoint of 95 percent recovery of the mobile oil is being achieved. Building on the concept of flow path management and the observed performance of the waterflood oil recovery system, a first-order analytical solution for DNAPL flow to a drainline has been derived and validated using field data. This solution leads to a set of useful design equations and further insight into the factors that control oil recovery.

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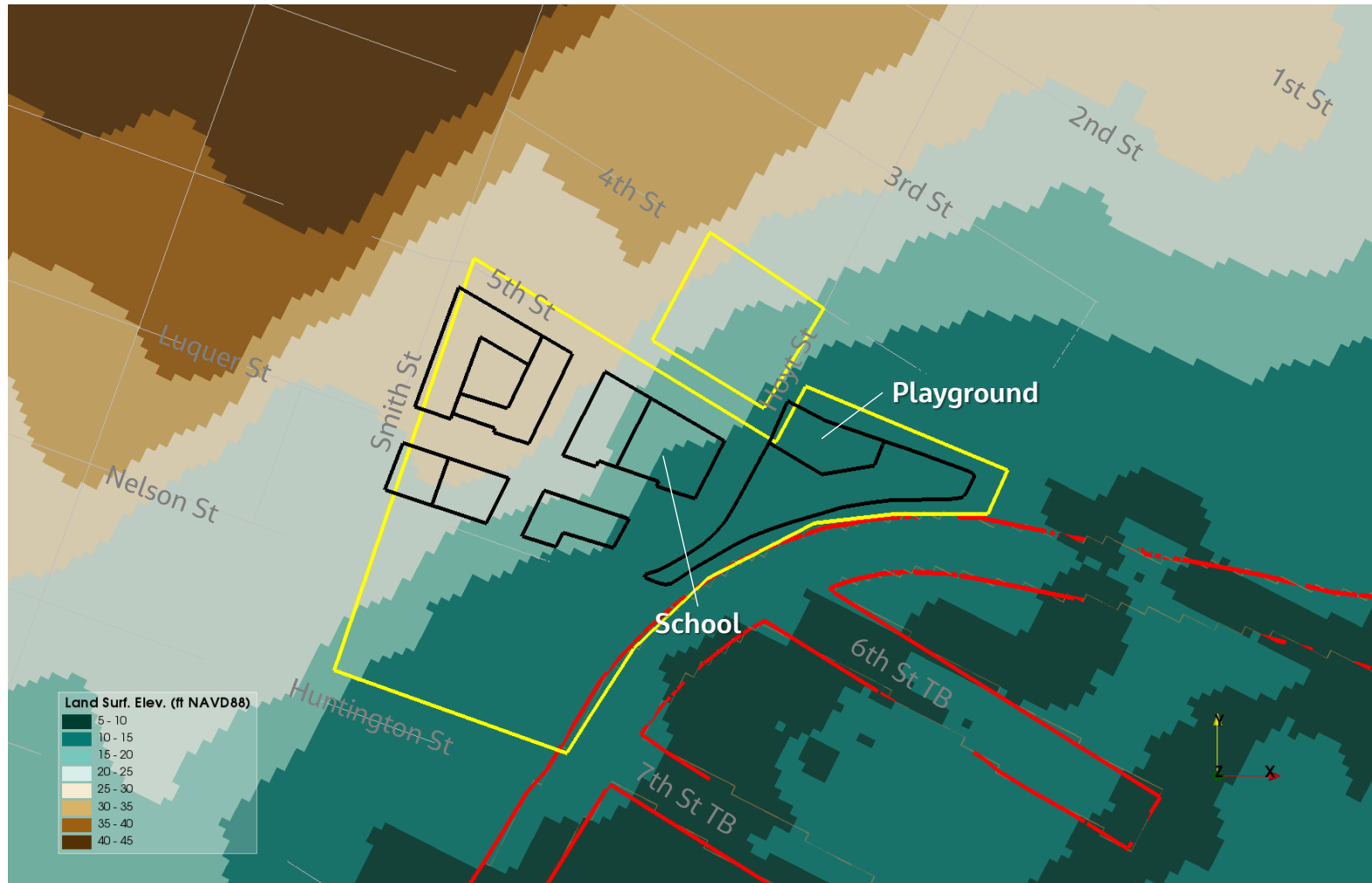
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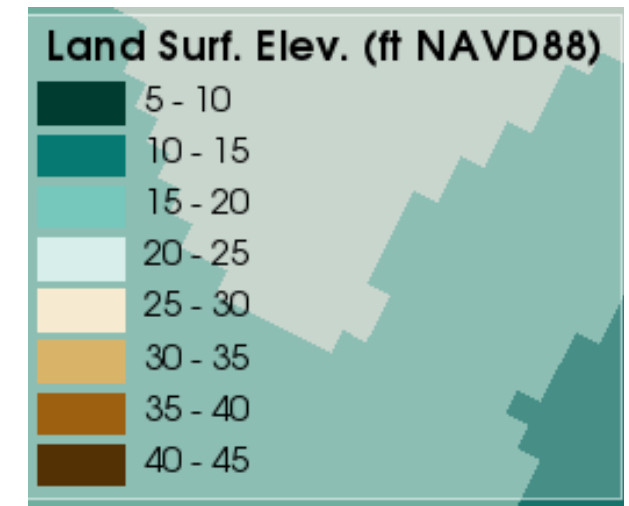
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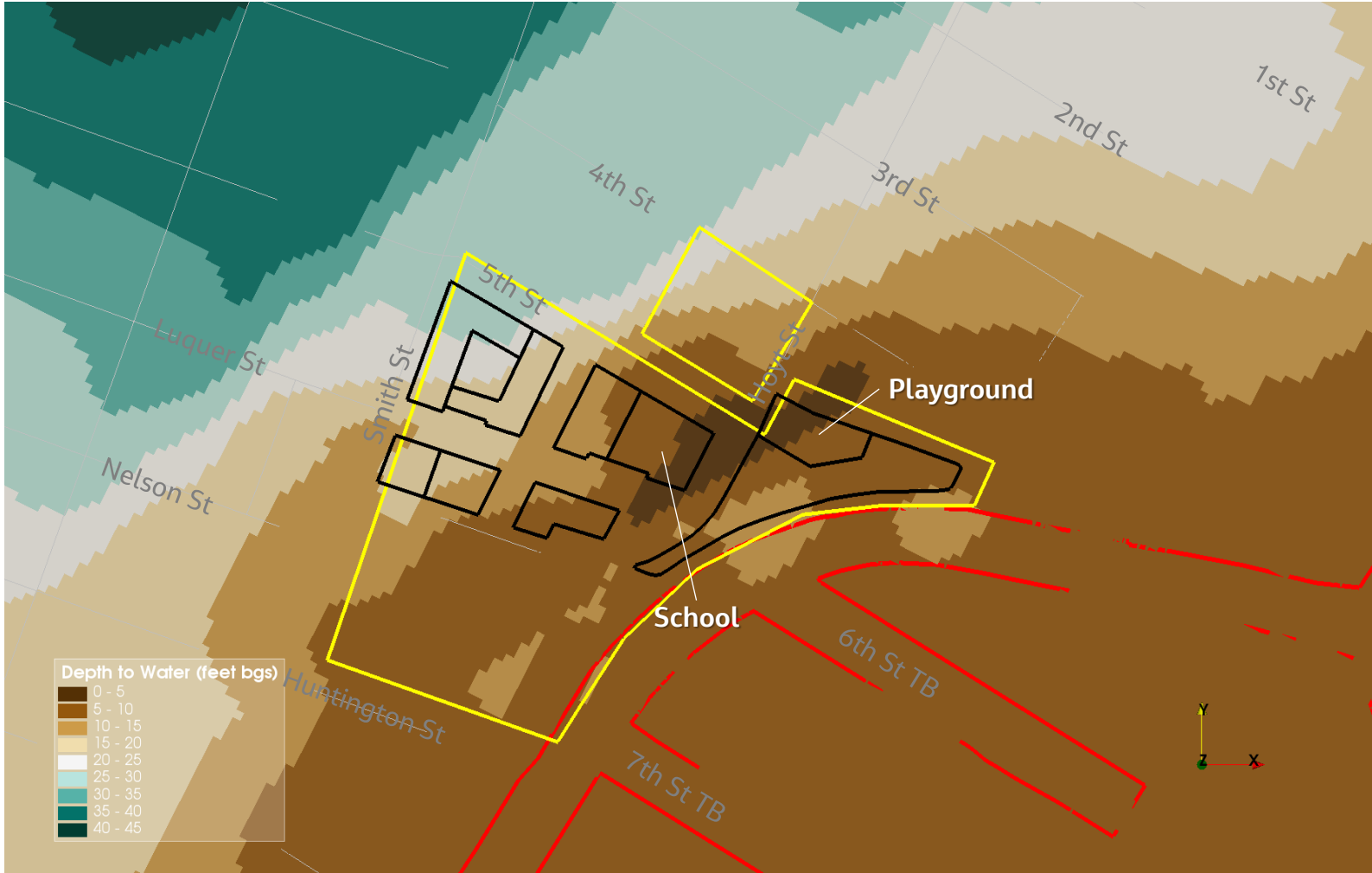
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- Modeled land surface elevations indicate ~20' of relief across the site
- Is this consistent with the redevelopment grade?

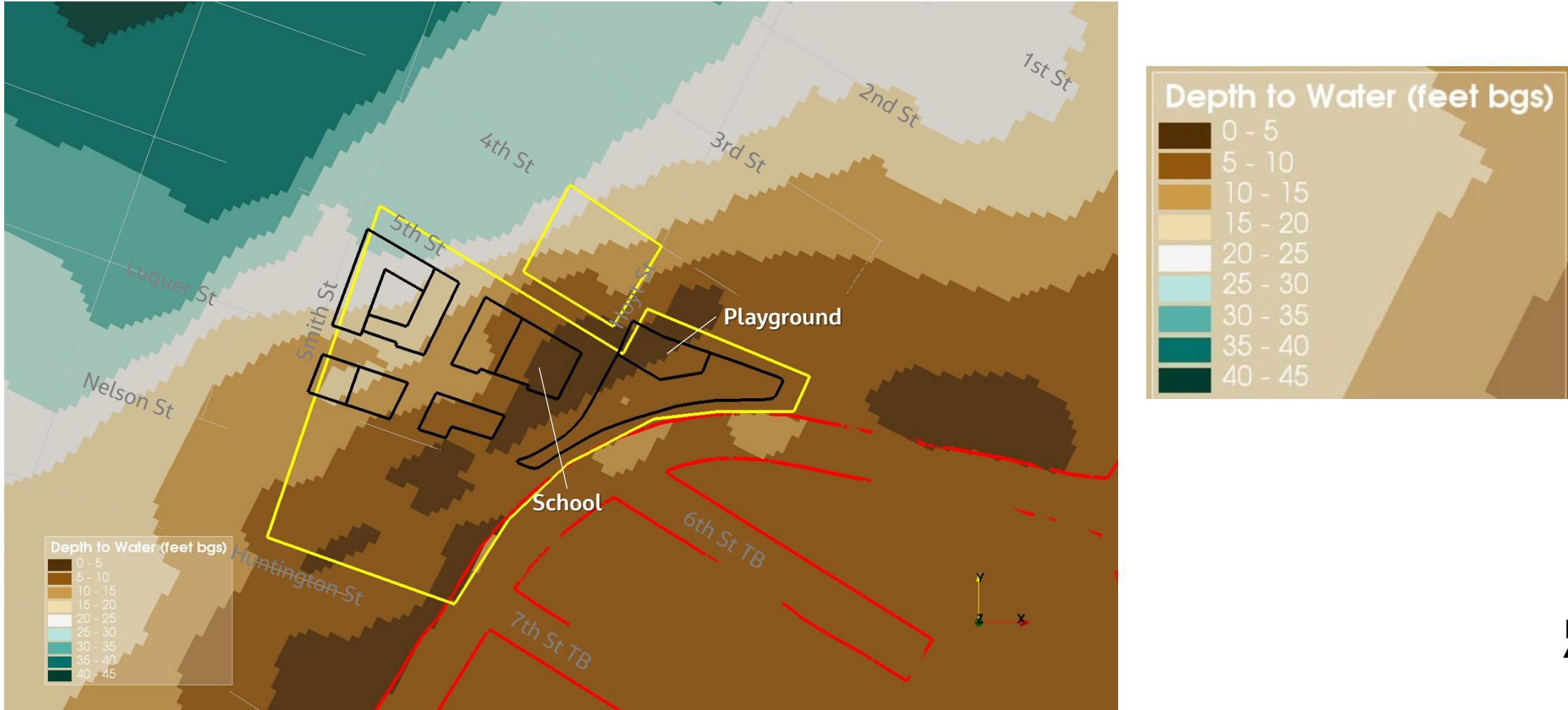


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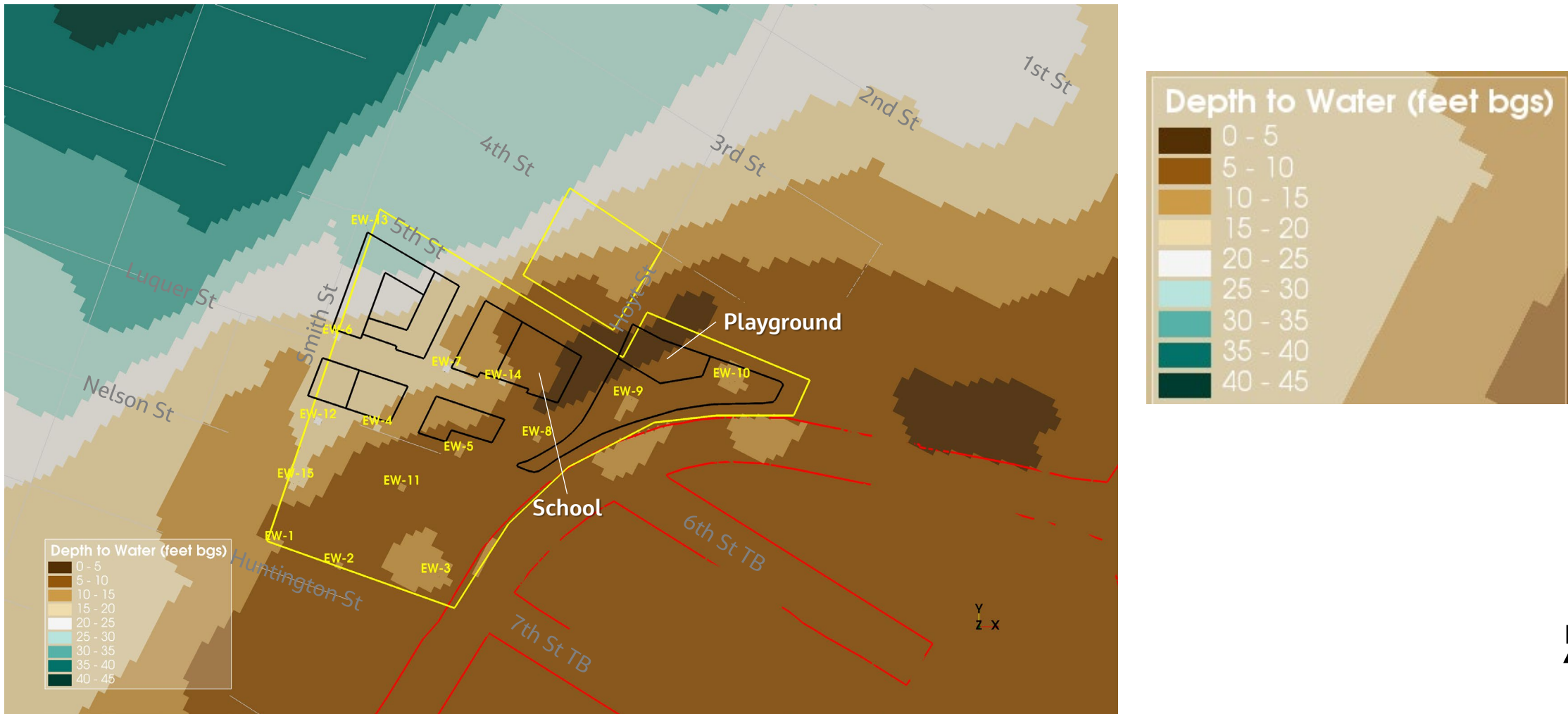




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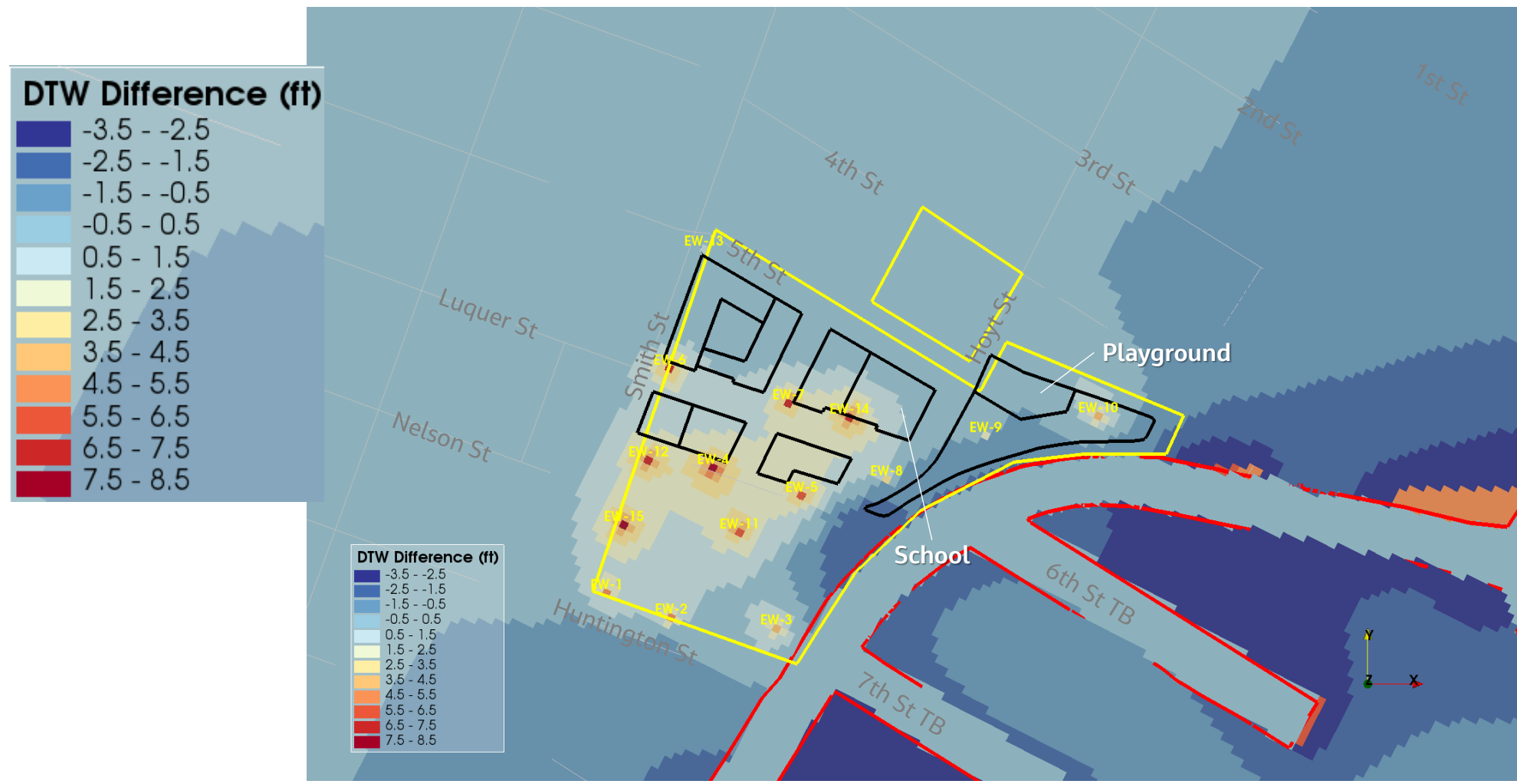
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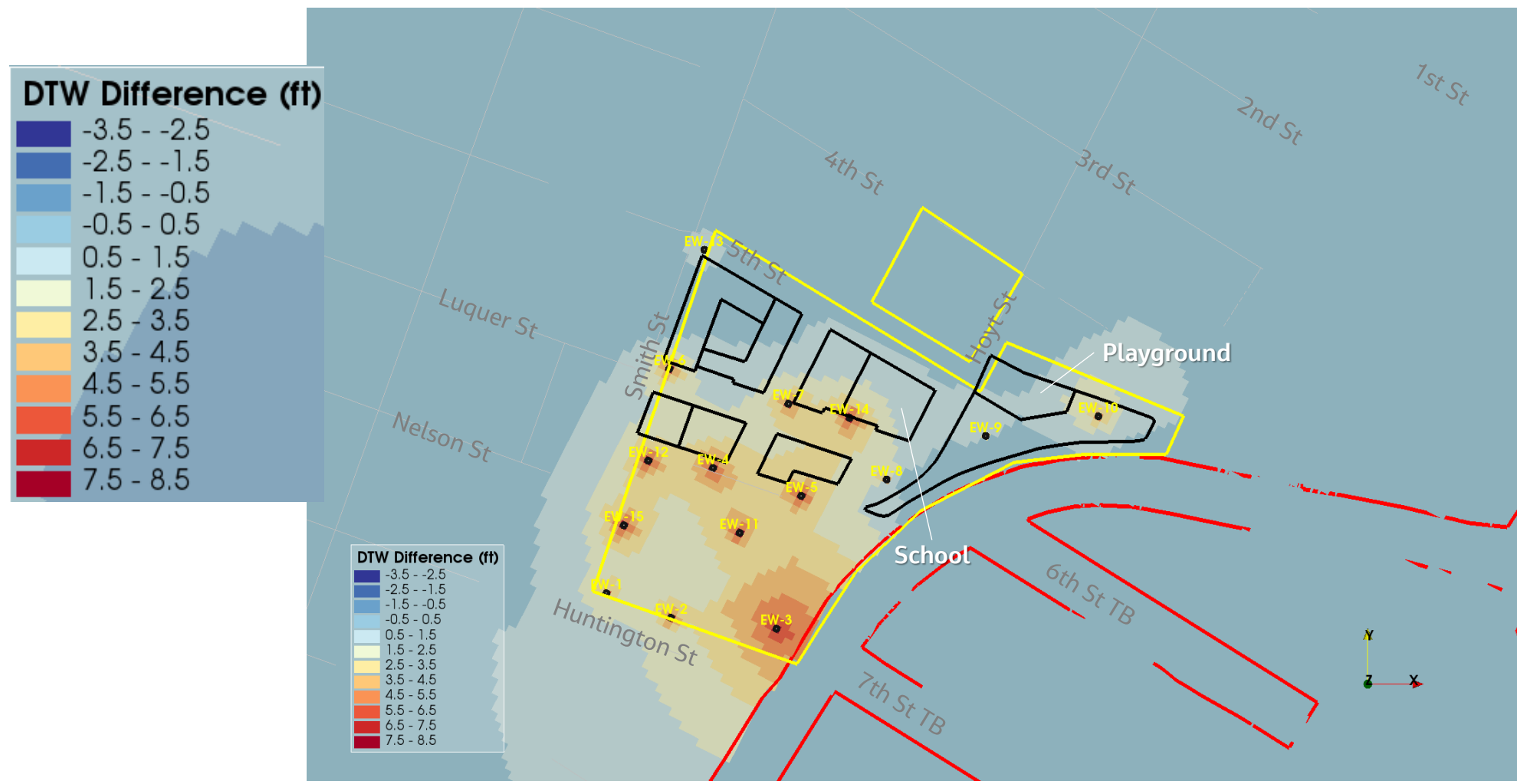


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# Pumping depth to water under Post-remedy conditions with GW extraction in upland minus Post-remedy conditions without GW pumping



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# Preliminary findings

- The following could facilitate achieving RAOs:
  - Extraction wells could mitigate contaminant migration into the Canal
  - DNAPL recovery with GW extraction could be used to control the primary source areas
- Mounding from implementing the Canal remedy could also be mitigated from incorporating hydraulic-capture extraction wells